

MRFSS Facts and Figures

Maryland 1998



Five Frequently Encountered Fish 1998					
Species	Number Caught (Thousands)	Number Harvested (Thousands)	Pounds Harvested (Thousands)	Number Released (Thousands)	Mean Length (Harvested Fish)
WHITE PERCH	4,578	1,692	553	2,886	8.3"
ATLANTIC CROAKER	4,148	1,126	1,150	3,022	12.5"
STRIPED BASS	3,034	392	1,908	2,642	21.7"
SPOT	1,962	1,327	631	634	9.1"
SUMMER FLOUNDER	1,922	206	299	1,716	15.6"

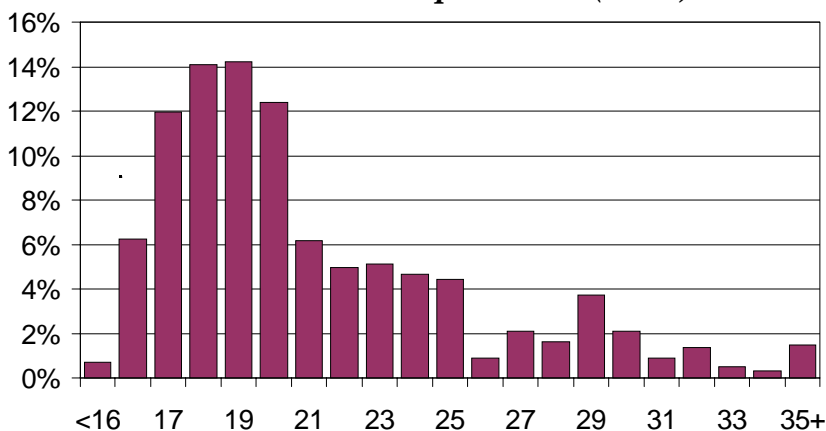
Length data are reported as fork length. (For most species = tip of snout to fork in tail.)

Striped Bass
Morone saxatilis



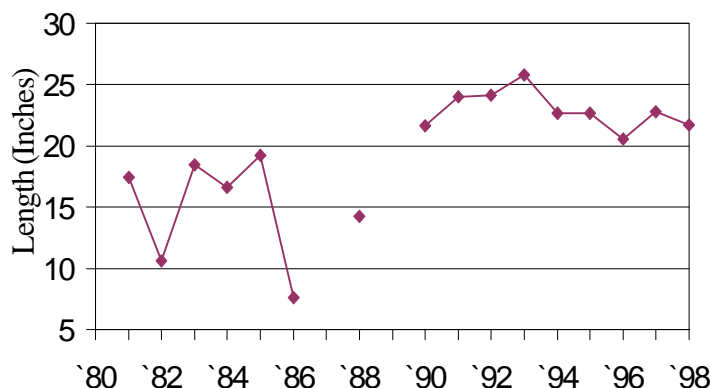
Since 1981, MRFSS field personnel have identified over 90 species of marine fish landed in Maryland.

Length Distribution (in inches)
Harvested Striped Bass (1998)



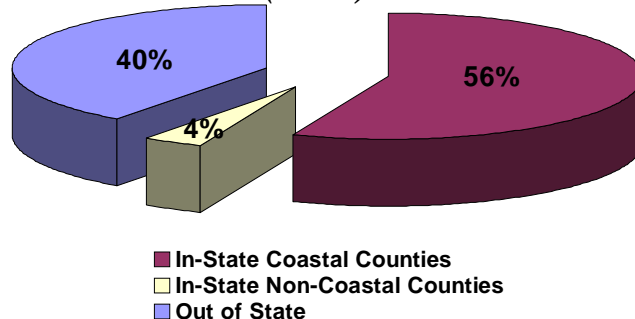
In 1998, over 52% of harvested striped bass averaged between 17 and 20 inches in length.

Average Length of Harvested Striped Bass
(1981 - 1998)



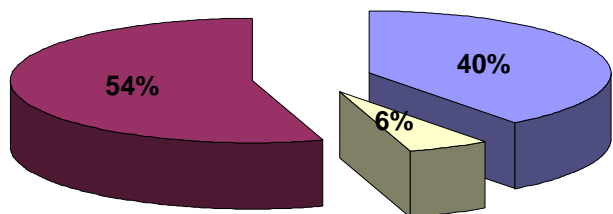
Missing data occurs for years in which harvest restrictions impeded the collection of length data.

Maryland Anglers' Area of Residence
(1998)



In 1998, over 759,000 anglers participated in Maryland's Marine Recreational Fishery.

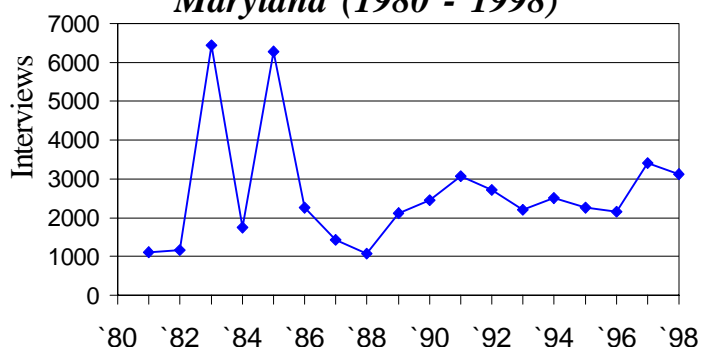
Saltwater Fishing Trips by Fishing Mode (1998)



■ Shore ■ Party/Charter Boat ■ Private/Rental Boat

In 1998, anglers took over 2.8 million saltwater fishing trips in Maryland.

Number of Completed Field Surveys Maryland (1980 - 1998)

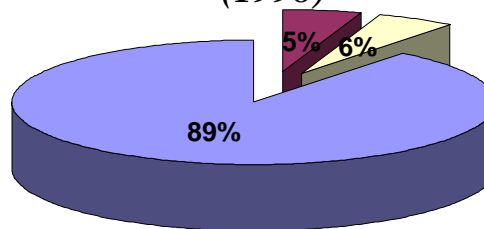


In 1998, MRFSS field personnel completed 3,115 surveys in Maryland.

Large increases in the number of completed interviews represent years in which state contributions increased the total MRFSS sample size.

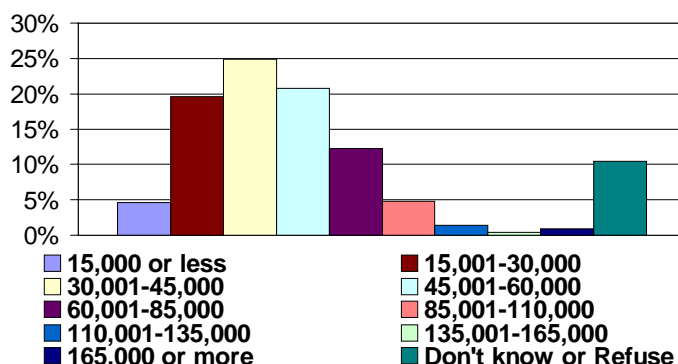
In 1998, contributions by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources increased the number of completed field surveys by 61% over the base MRFSS and also increased the number of telephone surveys by 22% over the base MRFSS. In addition, contributions by the Potomac River Commission increased the number of telephone surveys by an additional 87% over the base MRFSS.

Saltwater Fishing Trips by Area Fished (1998)

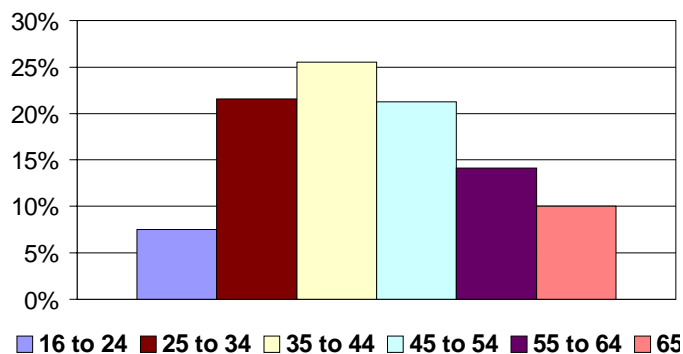


■ State Waters ■ Federal Waters ■ Inland Waters

Income Distribution for Maryland Anglers (1994)



Age Distribution of Maryland Anglers (1994)



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